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FINANCING OF THE UNITED NATIONS IRAN-IRAQ MILITARY OBSERVER GROUP

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, 1/ and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, 2/

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 619 (1988) of 9 August 1988, by which the Council established the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, and the subsequent resolutions by which the Council extended the mandate of the Military Observer Group, the latest of which was resolution 685 (1991) of 31 January 1991,

Recalling its resolution 42/233 of 17 August 1988 on the financing of the Military Observer Group and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 45/245 of 21 December 1990,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Military Observer Group are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

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1/ A/47/560.

2/ A/47/606.

Recalling its previous decisions regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Military Observer Group, a different procedure is required from the one applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Military Observer Group by certain Governments,

1. Endorses the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions; 2/

2. Urges all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment in full of their assessed contributions to the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group;

3. Decides to appropriate to the special account referred to in General Assembly resolution 42/233 the amount of 2,384,000 United States dollars gross (2,178,000 dollars net) authorized by the Assembly and apportioned in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 14 of its resolution 45/245 for the operation of the Military Observer Group for the period from 1 to 28 February 1991;

4. Decides also that there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 3 of the present resolution, their respective share in the unencumbered balance of 2,384,000 dollars gross (2,178,000 dollars net) in respect of the period from 1 to 28 February 1991;

5. Decides further that 19,596,389 dollars of the unutilized balance in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group special account shall be credited to Member States;

6. Decides to transfer the balance remaining in the United Nations Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group special account to the Peace-keeping Reserve Fund. 3/

3/ See resolution 47/___.